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DRAFT SOFIA BUDGET; BULGARIAN ECONOMY DECLINES

CONTRA DUDGET -- Softer are ev. Con-OUTLINE BUDGET -- Scfia, Izgrev, 8 Feb 51

The final draft of the 1951 budget of the Sofia Municipal People's Soviet was passed on 7 February 1951. The over-all budget totals 6,242,062,000 leva, of which 2,101,409,000 leva are allocated for communal economy and welfare, 1,680,050,000 leva for public education, and 1,052,342,000 leva for public health. The above three items cover 77.5 percent of the budget expenditures, whereas 291,736,000 leva, or only 4.7 percent of the budget, are to be used for administration costs.

A considerable construction and reclamation program is envisaged under the new budget, including the regulation of the Vladay River, and overpasses at the Orkhanie highway and on Kiril and Metodi Street in Sofia. Paving and tirbanization work will also be expanded.

The profits expected in 1951 from the enterprises run by the Municipal Soviet will be double the corresponding figures in 1950, and most of the budget expenditures will be covered by the revenue from these economic enterprises, instead of being levied as taxes, as has been the practice in previous years.

AND THE TOO MINORARY TWO LAST ON DONAL TO THE RESERVE OF THE TROPING BULGARIAN EGG EXPORTS DECLINE -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 9 Dec 50

Bulgarian egg exports for 1950 are estimated at 7,000 tons, compared with average exports of 16,670 tons of eggs per year from 1930 to 1939.

A poultry disease, which affected 779 chicken farms in 1949, is the cause of the decline.

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TRADE CO-OPS LAG IN RURAL AREAS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 9 Feb 51

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During 1950, the yearly goods turnover plan of trade cooperatives in rural areas was fulfilled only 78 percent. The cooperatives, which supply the rural population with consumers' goods, have not made sufficient efforts to secure an adequate assortment of goods, and the special stores have fulfilled the plan by only 18 percent.

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